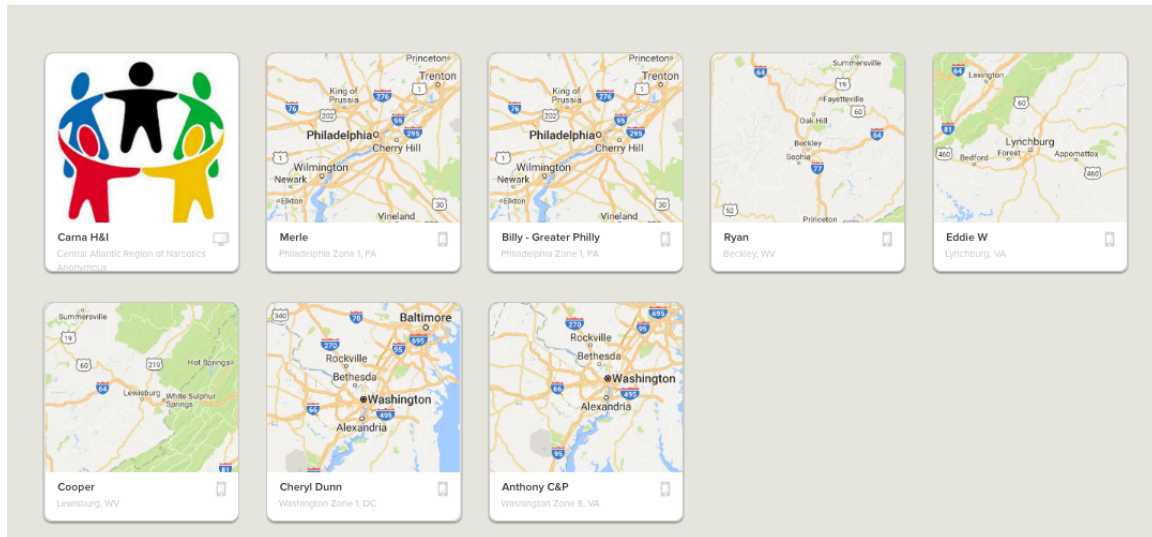


Eddie called the meeting to order at 7:09.  
Free State missing, Zoe missing... all others present.



Eddie outlined the agenda of the call.

- Coopers emailed concern regarding the participation of non-delegates in our work sessions. He seemed to feel we have time constraints and issues of fairness with regard to hearing from only interested others who have the resources to attend which would very very rarely be anyone from Mountaineer because of geographic and financial constrictions.
- Greater Philly – Update on the financials from July PR event

Merle shared the history of why; She shared it was agreed at some point that the body wanted the participation of non-delegates. - Asked why Cooper is bringing this up now.

Cooper explained that he didn't think it has been fair to other members of our regions by allowing participation of some but not all in our regions.

Cooper not suggesting we close our meetings by any stretch, but he feels our work sessions need to be more equitable.

Merle felt that former delegates vs just letting "anybody" participate is different.

Eddy invited others on the call to give input.

Eddy shared his first thought upon reading the letter was he mostly agreed, He feels that Delegates have been given deference, but also sees the disparity with how things are run in his area. Mostly they do hear from GSRs first and went on to say that even at WSC we mostly hear from Delegates first.

Anthony – pointed out we are only discussing the conference calls being limited to Delegates. There was debate as to what we were talking about... teleconferences and our meetings?

Asked for Clarification. Cooper said he is not intending the meetings to be closed, however he is saying that during the work sessions we would get more done if we limited our discussion to delegates and alternates.

Cheryl wonders if maybe there is a topic to be discussed, perhaps we could ask for feedback from alternates and delegates first and then open the discussion up to interested others. – Allow for Voting members to say all they would choose to say and then open the discussion to the interested others. Don't exclude - try to give time for interested others

Put a time limit on discussions?

Cooper recommends bringing this discussion to our Regions.

Kim mentioned good facilitation requires an agenda with time "limits" so facilitators can try to specify how much time is left for interested others to weigh in after the delegates and alternates have finished their end of the discussion.

Eddie spoke about differences in facilitation styles

Cheryl spoke about the CAR Workshops and how they are open to everyone and discussion needs to be allowed to flow.

Merle – During CAR time it becomes even more important for us as Delegates to have time to ask questions and be able to be mentored.

Eddie agreed with Cheryl at first but understood Merle's point about the January CAR meeting being railroaded.

Kim – what are the work sessions....

Cooper – time during the Zonal Forums when we are trying to "conduct our business".

Eddy: Most seem to agree that we would like time for discussions that are open and time for discussions that are limited.

Important to be open and somewhat flexible.

Conference calls would work best – for the most part - to be closed except when we need input from someone else and in that case invite that person to join us, too.

Kim, Anthony agree

Eddie tending to agree as well.

Seems we have consensus on creating some basic level of facilitation guidelines that would give deference to the Delegates.

Eddie asked if there was anyone who had a concern that hadn't yet been voiced.

Eddie feels it has not been our practice to make decisions during teleconferences so this should come up a regular meeting for a decision.

Eddie – brought up the 2<sup>nd</sup> thing on the agenda, which was the financials from the July PR Presentation.

Billy said he'll look into the issue and reach out to each of us with what the outcome is.

Cheryl wondered why we don't have info yet. Billy has been out of the country and couldn't look into it before now.

Eddie mentioned the time frame Zoe had given was 1 week so now It's been 3.5 wks. That's the reason for wondering

October Agenda: CAR will facilitate the call

- Revisit Mountaineers Letter - if you would like to add something in this regard email Eddie or myself.
- Discuss perhaps creating Facilitation Guidelines
- Discuss creating a way to archive our decisions.

Propose the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 7pm for the October Teleconference.

Though we won't make any decisions in our teleconferences at the meeting following our calls, the facilitator could give a synopsis of the discussions and then try to move right into a decision.

No opposition to conference call on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Asked for anything further that needs to be discussed

8:00 meeting adjourned.

ILS,  
Kim A  
CARNA RDA